

## FROM SING SING TO AUBURN.

THIRTY-SIX CONVICTS AFFORDED A CHANGE OF THEIR RESIDENCE.

Chained in Pairs, a Burglar and a Murderer Kissing the Irons—The Mystery of a Steel Pen—Why an Italian Came from Italy—An Epileptic Tailor Who Has No Friends.

On the broad door just within the heavy grained door that closes the entrance to Sing Sing Prison, and where the visitor first catches the odor of the damp stone walls, one of the keepers at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon placed a hammer and a little tin pan half full of iron rivets. The hammer was heavy, and the rivets were a quarter of an inch in diameter, with heads as large as a coat button. Two other keepers brought an iron bar three inches square and two feet long.

This was in preparation for the transfer of thirty-four prisoners from Sing Sing to Auburn. Joseph Montague, a burglar, and the best blacksmith in the prison, sat down near the bar in readiness to wield the hammer, and beside him on the stones, in readiness to aid him in his work, lay a melancholy-faced young man named Edward Newman. Newman cut the throat of his sweetheart in New York, and is under a life sentence. There is insanity in his family. He said at his trial that he remembered nothing about the killing of the girl. He has her picture with him. Her mother has repeatedly asked Warden Davis to get it from him, but Newman says that the picture is the only thing he now has that is dear to him, and the Warden has never felt it to be his duty to demand its give up.

Michael Agnew, receiver of stolen goods, sentenced last May to two and a half years, was the first that was led out from his cell by Principal Keeper Buglin. He did not know what might be going to happen to him when he came down from his gallery. All he knew was that he had been left locked in his cell that morning when the rest of the prisoners were taken down to the workshops. Agnew was led past the spot where Montague and Newman lay, in an adjoining room, where he was stripped and searched by Keepers Onyans and McCormick, lest he might carry to his new prison contraband articles which had been smuggled into him in the old. When he had arrayed himself in his clothes again, he was taken out into the corridor and made to sit down on the floor, with one leg placed alongside of the iron bar. Then John Burns, burglar, who has yet a year and a half to serve, having also been brought from his cell and searched, was made to sit so that his leg was along the other side of the bar. The two men knew well enough by this time that they were to be transferred from Sing Sing, but their faces betrayed no regret, not even interest, though they dreaded to leave Sing Sing for a prison so far from their New York homes as Auburn is. This, a keeper explained, was because they had "sand," which, in prison parlance, means grit. A thick hoop of iron, hinged at one point, was shut over an ankle of each man. The heavy chain that connected the two hoops lay across the iron bar. The chain and two hoops would weigh about two pounds. To prevent them from making the ankles sore, the bottoms of the striped trousers were also enclosed. This made the irons fit tightly. When all were bound firmly, a mighty thrust of one of the divided loops where they shut together, Newman took hold of the outer part of the hoops, and the two men were bound to stand in the prison yard to await the coming of their fellow travellers. Among the latter, as they were successively manacled and led together, was a man who had been sentenced for 4½ years for grand larceny, formed a pair. Roberts has a clean cut face, with strong features and high-set brows. He has a small mouth and thin lips, blue eyes. He is said to have been one of the shrewdest criminals in Sing Sing Prison. His wife had been a widow for ten years, and brought some pearls and reaches in a pasteboard box. This she placed beside her on the table in the visitors' room, where it was inspected by the Warden and his staff. It was brought into the prison that Roberts might take it with him on his trip to Auburn. Warden Davis discovered it to be a pistol, and sent it to a direct vote of the people whether or not liquor shall be sold in its limits, was adopted.

A resolution to ratify the fastest two-mile race run in this country, with the weights up, Dr. Magenta won the race last year, carrying the proposers of the several counties to assemble in convention and adopt measures to carry into effect the propositions adopted by this meeting.

The Convention then adjourned subject to the call of the Chair.

## MARYLAND'S TAXPAYERS.

Speeches and Resolutions of Interest to all Tax-Burdened Communities.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 12.—The Convention of Taxpayers of the State assembled in Temperance Temple at 11 A. M. to-day. The Hon. Wm. M. Merrick of Howard, in calling the Convention to order, said that this conference had no partisan purpose nor design, nor intent, to form a new political party, nor to combine for or against either of the distinctive parties within the State. The object was the redress of grievances and relief from the burdens of taxation. Judge Merrick insisted that the levy for the State and county tax could be much reduced by a proper and more economical administration of affairs, if that was local or county taxation that was to be considered. In Howard County the county levy for the current year was \$16 cents on the \$100, which is 1½ per cent. less than the average rate of 1¾ per cent. on the \$100, which was the average burden on the farmers of that county. The greatest burdens were in our own doors, and the best way to relieve them was to give to the tax-payers more attention to self-government, and strip themselves of the delusion that they had done their duty to society by voting at elections and paying taxes.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 12.—Severely un-ventured was to be found on the grand stand when the bell rung up the starters in the first race to-day. The eagerness to see Falsetto and Spendthrift together in the Kenner Stakes, since the debut of Spendthrift by Falsetto in the Travers Stakes, drew many noted turfmen to see them. The weather was beautiful; the track dusty, but fast.

First came the five-furlong dash for two-year-olds—the Windsor Hotel stakes; \$25 entrance, p. p., with \$500 added by the Windsor Hotel, the second horse to receive \$150, and third \$50 out of the stakes; maidens allowed 5 lbs. There were thirty-seven nominations. The starters sold in the pools as follows: G. L. Lorillard's entries, Grenada and Rosalie, 100 lbs., \$300; L. Waltsfelder's Luke Blackburn, 105 lbs., \$35; H. P. McGrath's Lucy George, 107 lbs., \$20; W. M. Conner's Gildelin, 102 lbs., \$15; A. Astor's Ferncliffe, 105 lbs., \$10; and E. A. Clapham's Achash, 102 lbs., \$10. Starting in the centre of the track, a little delay occurred. When the flag dropped, Rosalie was first out of the ruck, Luke Blackburn second, Grenada third. It seemed the desire of Lorillard's trainer was to win with Rosalie, but before reaching the head of the homestretch that was seen to be impossible, and Grenada was driven up. Coming up Grenada and Luke Blackburn had a sharp race, Grenada winning by a length in 1:09½. Gildelin followed, and Luke Blackburn was third. The finish was a dead heat between the two, and the judges awarded the victory to Gildelin. The horses ran in 1:09½, six months, 1:04½, accounts closed during last six months, 1:05½, deposits received during last six months, 1:05½, interest due and accrued, \$114,100, amount withdrawn during last six months, \$1,903,710, 1½ per cent. credited and paid during last six months, \$307,500. The bank reported Jan. 1, 1879; last six months, \$10,012,662 over surplus, \$362,337,55 open accounts, 15,425.

New York—**Resources**—Bonds and mortgages, \$44,000, stock investments, \$2,391,067, market value \$2,575,797; loans on stocks, \$10,000, banking house and lot, cost \$20,000, other real estate, cost \$4,732,631, cash on deposit in banks or trust companies, \$160,322,051, cash on hand, \$210,059,190, excess of market value of stocks over cash, \$104,311,832, interest due and accrued, \$6,200,000. Jewelry, bonds, cost \$1,750,000. Due Depositors, \$2,381,847.12, Banking House, \$601,366.14. Total Assets, \$1,000,000.

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